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Date of Interview: 14 June 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 14 and 18.

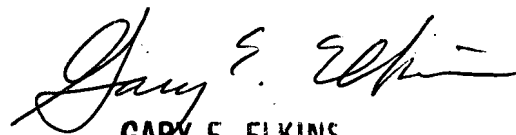
Identification of prior art discussed: all art of record in general.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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GARY E. ELKINS
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant proposed amending claims 1, 14 and 18 to define that the end cap is adapted to be disposed in first and second positions with the end cap within the open end of the tube in both positions where the first position is a non-engaged position and the second position receives the flap within the channel. It was indicated that the proposed amendment would define over the art of record. Further consideration/search will be made upon filing the amendment.